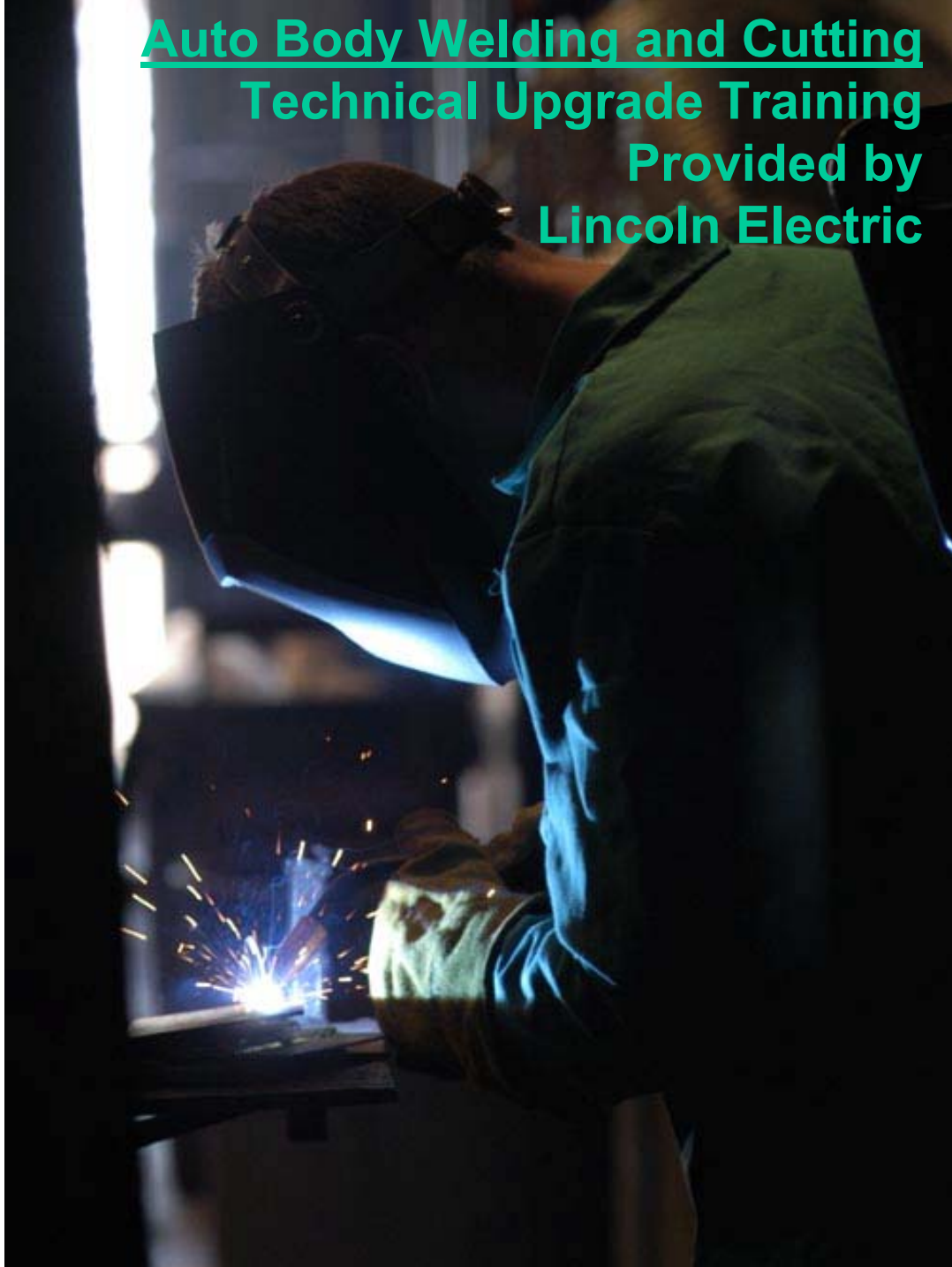
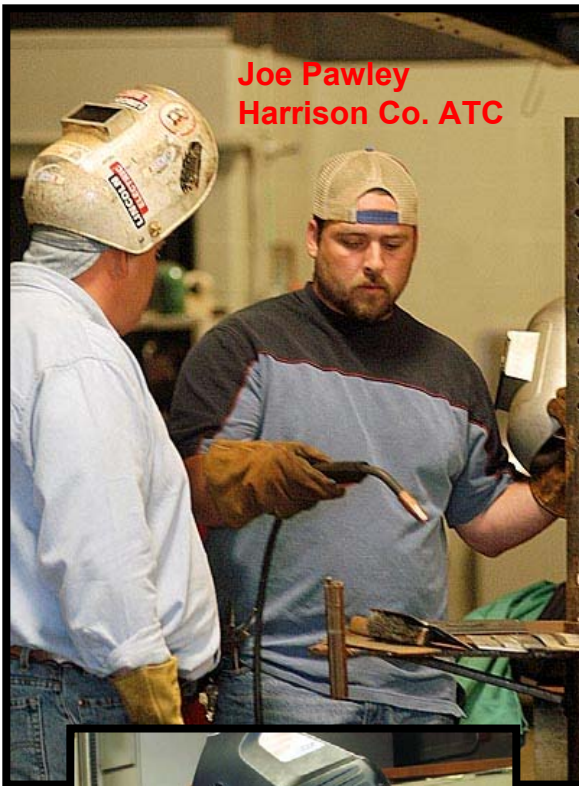


Conducted by Lincoln Electric, this workshop provided auto body and welding instructors with the latest technology in welding and cutting solutions relating to auto body. Emphasis was on aluminum welding. The workshop was highly recommended for all auto body instructors to help meet 2004 ASE standards – but welding instructors were also welcomed.

“We, at Lincoln Electric, are delighted to provide this type of training for instructors. We have been able to highlight aluminum TIG, MIG and mild steel MIG welding. In addition, our training included plasma arc welding,” says District Manager Louis Vitucci. “We brought four trainers, one for each of the four areas we covered, and our newest equipment on the market. Each instructor had an opportunity to see and learn how to use the new technology.”

Auto Body Welding and Cutting Technical Upgrade Training Provided by Lincoln Electric





Joe Pawley
Harrison Co. ATC



Karl Watson
Wayne Co. ATC



David McCoy
Meade Co. ATC



Instructors were divided into four groups rotating through the training sessions. Special instructors, provided by Lincoln Electric, included Joe Kolasa, a trainer from Cleveland, covering small diameter mild steel MIG welding; Ed Varekojis, aluminum MIG welding; Ted Pinnick, plasma cutting and Steve Hoenes, MIG welding of aluminum with a spool gun.

“This class helped our teachers by covering the new ASE industry standard dealing with aluminum welding. Aluminum welding was added to the Structural and Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair task lists, and will be implemented in our curriculum starting the 2004-05 school year,” says Academic Transportation Consultant Todd Nickens. “This is another class I have worked on getting since we received the 2003 ASE Collision Repair task updates. The training received in this class will enable our instructors to train our students in this technique and keep our programs up to date with industry standards.”

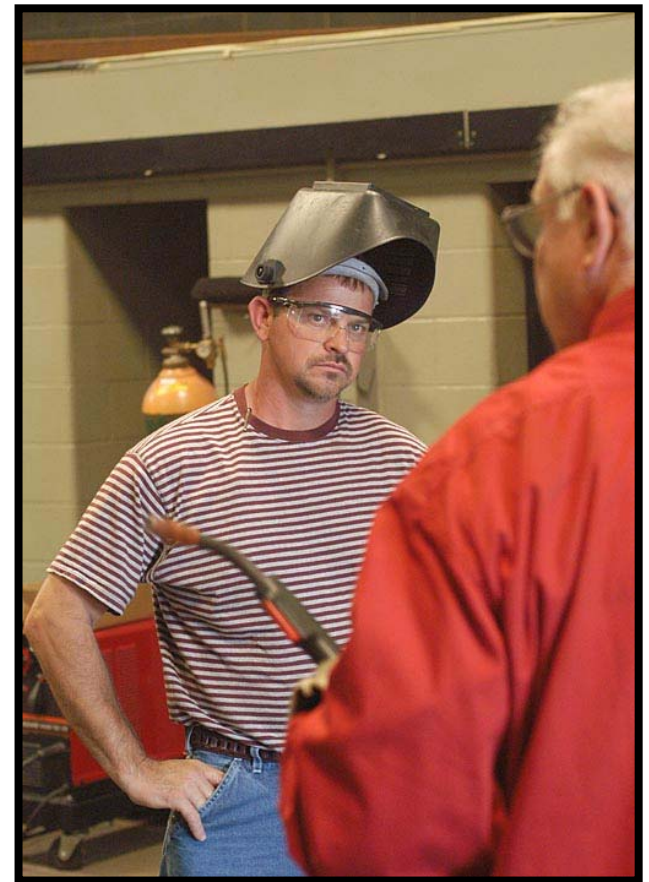
**Boone Co. ATC Instructor John Thomas
watches aluminum welding demonstration**



The training was well received as indicated by the following KY Tech instructor comments:

“I think the level of expertise is elite and I really enjoyed listening to the Lincoln Electric trainers relay the latest technology,” says Joe Pawley, welding instructor at the Harrison Co. ATC.

“Lincoln Electric brings the latest and greatest equipment for us to use. It’s wonderful,” says Rex Cundiff, welding instructor at the Russellville ATC.



Pictured above is C.E. McCormick Welding Instructor Charles “Augie” Germann. “This training was worth my time, effort and energy. Lincoln Electric is supportive of the instructor and supplies us with all the most up-to-date technology information. It’s over the top!”



“This is the second year that I’ve been to the Lincoln Electric training and if there is anything to say, it’s that they take care of the teacher,” says David McCoy, welding instructor at the Meade Co. ATC.

“These guys know what they are doing.” – John Thomas, Boone Co. auto body instructor.

“More and more aluminum body panels and frames are being used in the industry today. This type of training provides us with an opportunity to keep up with the new technology.” – Ron Neeley, C.E. McCormick auto body instructor.

“Lincoln Welding Training is the best!” – Karl Watson, Wayne Co. ATC welding instructor.